

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Group Art Unit: 2627  
Examiner: Matthew G. Kayrish  
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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 26, 2007, please amend the application as follows and consider the remarks set forth below.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.